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1. The twin-engine aircraft previously parked at the SCHOENWALDE (N 53°2' 66) airfield were no longer observed there. There was flying with individual U-2 biplanes and single-engine high-wing monoplanes with radial engines.

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2. No aircraft were observed at the airfield in the evening. The hangars were closed.

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18 and 19 August 1949

3. According to local residents, Soviet dependents had left SCHOENWALDE on 18 and 19 August 1949. Soldiers wearing British or US uniforms allegedly passed the airfield or entered it during recent days. It was rumored among the population that the SCHOENWALDE area was to be evacuated by the Soviets and taken over by the Allies.

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20 August 1949

4. Six to eight twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly were parked at the airfield. One single-engine high-wing monoplane with radial engine, a large glazed cockpit, rectangular wings and fixed landing gear was observed taking off from the field.

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5. Four U-2 biplanes were parked in front of the hangars. No twin-engine aircraft were observed.

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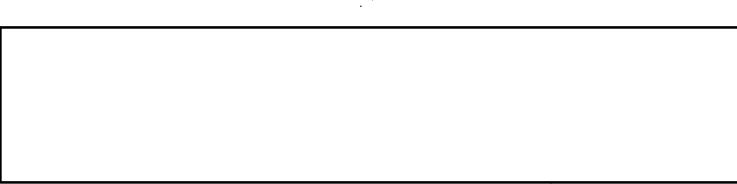
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a tractor with two trailers loaded with furniture left the field. According to local residents, the shipments continually leaving the SCHONENAU airfield were destined for LOHNERITZ (R 53/2 65).

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No aircraft were observed at the airfield. The hangars were closed.

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Comment:

Report confirms the previously recorded transfer of the unit equipped with twin-engine aircraft from SCHONENAU. This transfer to STAATEN was effected between 13 and 15 August 1949.

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No official information has been received as to the alleged taking over of the SCHONENAU airfield by US or British authorities. The reported rumor is probably based on a newspaper report.

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